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Results and Discussion

UV –Visible Studies. Due to the low solubilities of the ligands in methanol, stability constants of 15, 18, and 19 could be determined by UV-Vis spectrophotometry. Addition of metal ions to solutions of these ligands caused a decrease in intensity of the UV-Vis absorption as well as formation of a new peak leading to at least one isosbestic point. Spectral variations in the UV-Vis of 19 exhibited evidence of the formation of a second complex. In the case of Zn^{2+} and 19 (Figure 2), the first series of spectral lines passed through two isosbestic points at 226.5 and 253 nm until $C_M/C_L \approx 1$, then a new isosbestic point at 261 nm was observed at higher values of C_M/C_L . These spectral changes were interpreted as the result of formation of both mono- and binuclear complexes. The stoichiometry of complexation was found from interpretation of the spectrophotometric data and is given in Table 1. Whenever there was ambiguity in choosing the best stoichiometry, the simplest one was chosen if there is no other clear evidence to support another one.

All three ligands formed strong mononuclear complexes ($\log \beta \ge 5$) with the metal ions studied. The complexes of 18, for example, were of sufficient thermodynamic stability that equilibrium constants for their formation could not be determined accurately by UV-Vis spectrophotometry. Only a lower limit of $\log \beta$ values could be given ($\log \beta \ge 7$).

Among the three ligands studied, 18 possesses the highest affinity towards transition metal ions. The higher constants for the formation of complexes of 18 over those of 15 with a given cation can be explained by participation of quinoline nitrogen atoms in complexation. This demonstrates how the attachment site of the quinoline to the crown can effect complexation. When attached at the 7-position, the quinoline nitrogen atoms may not bind metal ions as effectively. Crown size effects can be seen by comparison of 18 and 19. Although complexes formed by 19 with Ni^{2+} and Cu^{2+} are less stable than those formed by 18, 19 can accommodate two cations. No comparison between 18 and 19 can be made for the other cations as only the lower limit of log β can be assigned.

Preliminary Fluorescence Studies. Among the transition metal ions studied, complexes of ligands 15, 16, 18, and 19 with Cd²⁺, Zn²⁺, and Pb²⁺ gave emission wavelengths as shown in Table 2. Compounds 15 and 16 containing CHQ groups attached at the quinoline 7-positions, formed strongly fluorescent complexes of the type ML₂ with Cd²⁺. However, the Cd²⁺ complexes of 18 and 19 with the 8-HQ side arms

attached through quinoline 7-positions, exhibited weaker fluorescence intensities at longer wavelengths and formed complexes of the type ML. Presumably, the fluorescence properties of the Cd²⁺ complexes were influenced by side arm orientation.

Complexes with Zn²⁺ gave different results. Compounds 16 and 19 containing 16-membered rings gave strong emission bands, but 15 and 18 with 15-membered rings showed relatively weak fluorescence intensites with Zn²⁺. Figures 3 and 4 illustrate the fluorescence spectra of the complexes formed by the interactions of Zn²⁺ with 16 and 19, respectively. Interestingly, Figures 3 and 4 show that ML and M₂L complexes have emission maxima at different wavelengths (540 and 500 nm, respectively). Figures 5 and 6 illustrate the titration curves of 16 and 19 with Zn²⁺ showing a sharp endpoint for 16 at a 2:1 metal/ligand ratio. Figure 6 shows that 19 forms more than one type of complex with Zn²⁺. It appears that 19 does not bind the second Zn²⁺ as strongly as does 16. The fluorescence spectra of the 18-M²⁺ complexes were similar to those of 8-HQ with the same metal ions. These results suggest a lack of crown participation in complexation by 18. Complexes of Pb²⁺ with all ligands gave weak fluorescent responses while forming ML complexes. 8-Hydroxyquinoline and 5-chloro-8-hydroxyquinoline exhibited low fluorescence intensities with Cd²⁺, Zn²⁺, and Pb²⁺ relative to the ligands studied.

Table 1. Stability Constants for the Formation of Metal Ion Complexes $(\log \beta_{xy})^a$ in MeOH^b

	15	18	19	19	ε-НО°	.θ-НО°	сно⁰	ρОНО
go.	ML	ML	ML	M2L	ML	ML_2	ML	ML_2
Co ²⁺	7 <	7 <	Z Z		4.5±0.2	11.6±0.3	5.6±0.3	11.7 ± 0.1
Ni ²⁺	6.82±0.03	2 7	5.93±0.06	12.7±0.2		11.8±0.2		11.7±0.1
Cu ²⁺	6.7±0.2	2 7	6.72±0.05	11.4±0.2	5.7±0.1	13.3±0.4	Z 2	> 14
Zn^{2+}	6.8±0.1	7 <	7 <	> 11	6.1±0.2	10.4 ± 0.1	6.17 ± 0.07	10.8±0.05
Cd^{2^+}	5.18±0.06	7 <	7 <		4.24±0.06	9.2±0.2		9.5±0.2
${ m Hg}^{2+}$	4.92±0.02	> 7 ^e	7 <	> 14	4.30±0.01	8.60±0.01	4.50±0.03	9.29±0.06
Pb^{2+}	5.44±0.01	7 <	7 <		5.58±0.01		5.3±0.3	

^aCorresponding to the general equilibrium: $xM^{n^+} + yL$ $\stackrel{\text{mean}}{\rightleftharpoons} M_xL^{xn^+}$ (room temperature, I = 0.01 M NaOAc).

^bMean values of $n \ge 2$ independent determinations, with the standard deviation σ_{n-1} on the mean.

^{° 8-}HQ = 8-Hydroxyquinoline. ^d CHQ = 5-Chloro-8-hydroxyquinoline. ^e Value of one determination only.

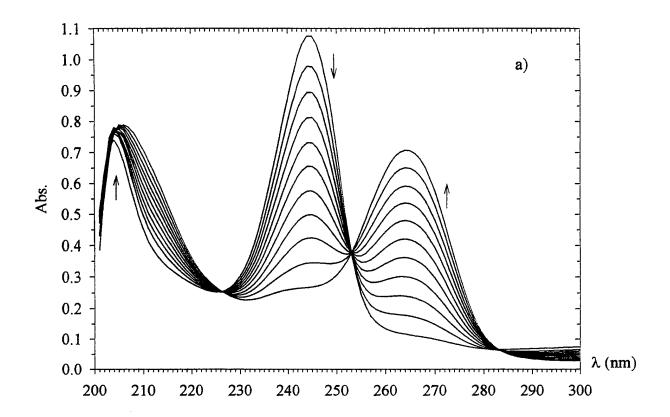
Table 2. Fluorescence Properties of 8-Hydroxyquinoline, 5-Chloro-8-hydroxyquinoline, 15, 16, 18, and 19 in Methanol Containing 0.01 M NaOAc.

Ions			Cd ²⁺						Zn ²⁺			
Ligand	8-HQª	CHQ ^a	15	16	18	19	8-HQª	CHQ ^a	15	16	18	19
Wavelength (nm) ^b	540	548	513	511	544	540	541	545	515	511	541	500
Maximum Intensity ^c	17	29	335	265	15	36	15	22	74	188	20	240
Complexation	1:1	1:1	1:2	1:2	1:1	1:1	1:1	1:1	2:1	2:1	1:1	2:1

Ions		Pb ²⁺								
Ligand	8-HQ ^a	CHQ ^a	15	16	18	19				
Wavelength (nm) ^b	531	552	517	521	520	530				
Maximum Intensity ^c	3	6	9	11	3	8				
Complexation	d	đ	1:1	1:1	1:1	1:1				

 $^{^{8}}$ 8-HQ and CHQ are defined in Table 1. b Wavelength of maximum intensity. c Intensity of 10 μ M of each ligand. d Could not be determined from the fluorescence data.

Figure 1. Structures of Ligands



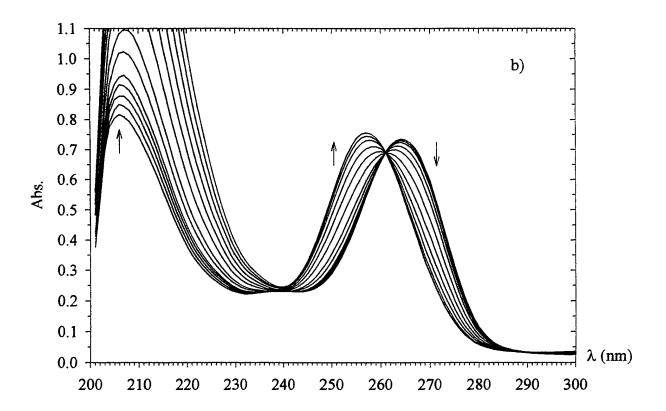


Figure 2. Spectral changes in the UV-Vis absorption of 19 ($C_L = 1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) upon addition of $Zn(NO_3)_2$ in MeOH: a) $0 < C_M/C_L < 1$ b) $1.2 < C_M/C_L < 10.1$.

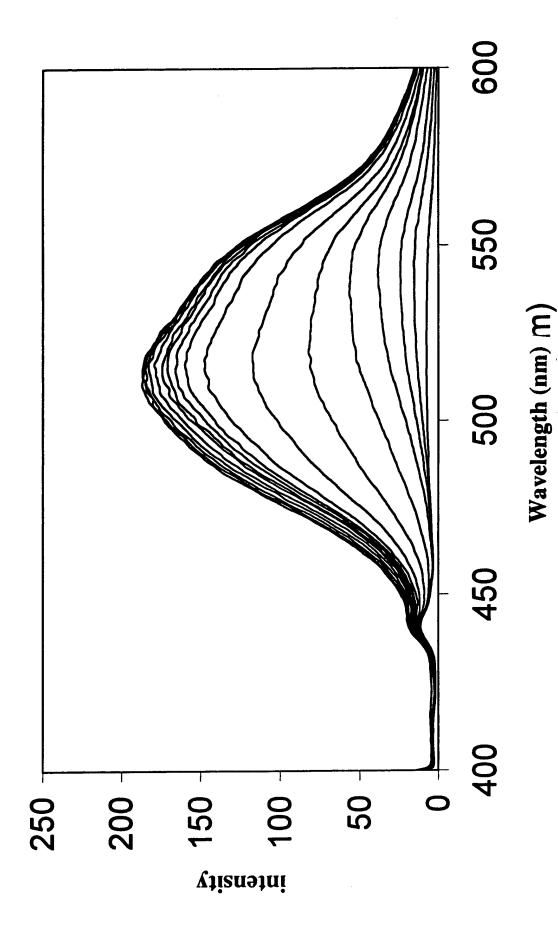


Figure 3. Fluorescence spectra of the **16-Z**n²⁺ complex; [**16**] = 10 μ M, Zn²⁺ = 0.25-5 eq.

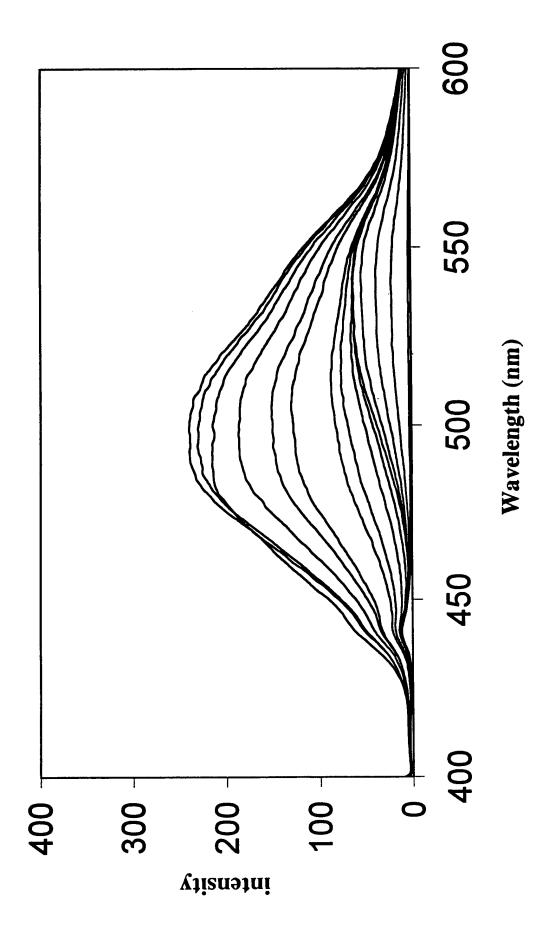


Figure 4. Fluorescence spectra of the 19-Zn²⁺ complex; [19] = $10 \,\mu\text{M}$, Zn²⁺ = 0.25-5 eq.

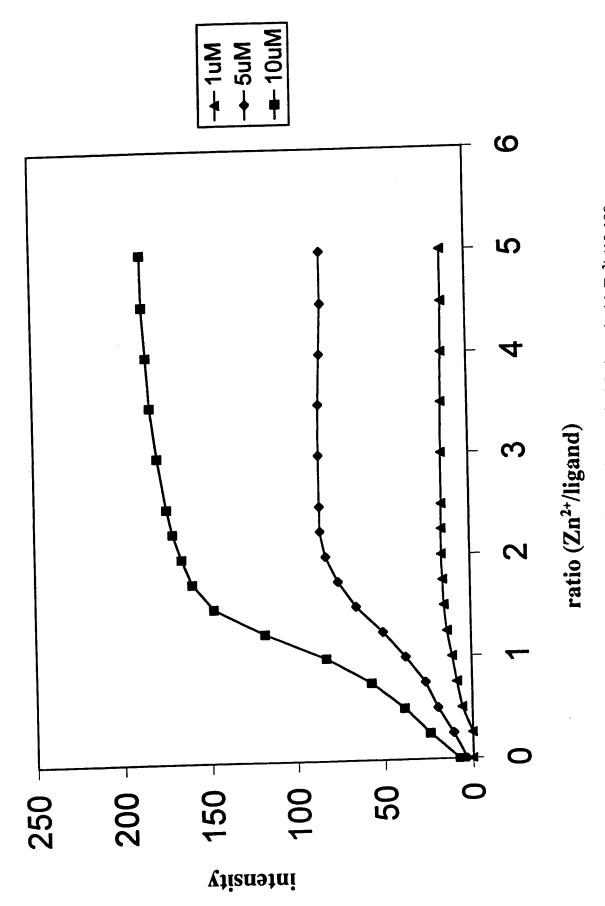


Figure 5. Fluorescence intensity (550 nm) of 16 (1-10 μ M) titrated with Zn²⁺ (10-100 μ M) in MeOH containing 0.01 M NaOAc.

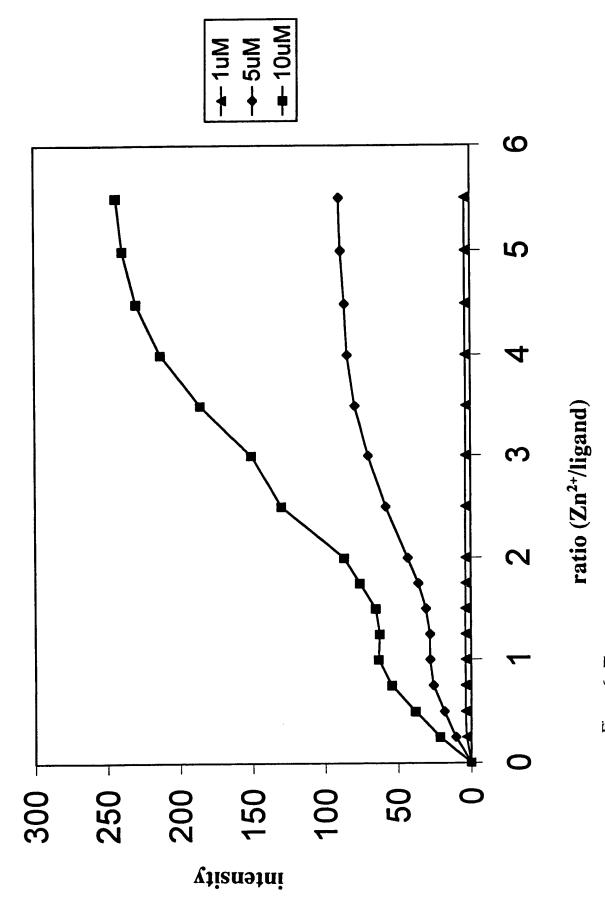


Figure 6. Fluorescence intensity (550 nm) of 19 (1-10 μ M) titrated with Zn²⁺ (10-100 μ M) in MeOH containing 0.01 M NaOAc.